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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF DEATH OF MARYA ANNE POOL

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1. SUDAN NEWS AGENCY (SUNA) ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY AND LOCAL ARABIC PRESS CARRIED SOMEWHAT SENSATIONAL PRESS STORY OF DEATH OF MARYA ANNE POOL (SUBJ. REF AND PREVIOUS). FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUDAN NEWS AGENCY.

2. KHARTOUM, AUGUST 15 (SUNA) - "THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN FEMALE TEACHER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM WAS FOUND IN HER OFFICE YESTERDAY MORNING.

3. QUOTE THE SMELL OF THE CORPSE COMING FROM THE CLOSED OFFICE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODY WHERE WOUNDS AND BLOOD WERE FOUND ON HER NECK.

4. QUOTE DR. MARIA POOL, WHO IS AN ENGLISH LECTURER AT THE FACULTY OF ARTS, LEFT HER HOUSE AT THE NILE AVENUE AT 6 P.M. LAST FRIDAY AND NOBODY KNEW HER DESTINATION SINCE THEN.

5. QUOTE THE POLICE IS PREPARING A PRELIMINARY REPORT  
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ON THE INCIDENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATIONS.

6. QUOTE BECAUSE OF HER HEALTH CONDITION, MRS. POOL ENDED HER COMMITMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY, WHICH WAS IN PROCESS SINCE 1973, IN THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR THOUGH SHE DID NOT PLAN TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

7. QUOTE SOME WITNESSES SAID SINCE (SIC) EARLY LAST MAY SHE ONLY CAME TO HER OFFICE FOR THE SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS AND FOR THE CORRECTION OF EXAMS.

8. QUOTE AGED 35, MRS. POOL WAS A DIVORCEE OF MR. DAVID POOL, WHO TAUGHT POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY IN 1976 AND THE LAST TIME SHE VISITED HER RELATIVES IN THE STATES WAS IN 1976.

9. QUOTE MRS. POOL HAD GOT HER PH.D. FROM A BRITISH UNIVERSITY. UNQUOTE

10. COMMENT: FORWARDING ABOVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN CASE STORY PICKED UP BY WIRE SERVICES AND REPLAYED, SINCE LOCAL AP STRINGER HAS BECOME INTERESTED. ACCORDING TO POLICE INVESTIGATOR AND SENIOR MEDICAL EXAMINER, THERE WERE NO RPT NO SIGNS OF VIOLENCE. BODY WAS EXTREMELY DETERIORATED WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR SENSATIONAL ACCOUNT IN STORY. IN ADDITION TO POLICE AND MEDICAL OFFICER STATEMENT, EMBASSY OFFICER, WHO HAS HAD MORTICIAN EXPERIENCE, STATED OTHER THAN NORMAL DECAY OF 5 DAY OLD BODY, THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF VIOLENCE. NOTE THAT OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE RANGING ABOUT 100 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. CONSULAR OFFICER WAS WITH COMMANDANT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS WHEN BOTH LEARNED OF STORY. COMMANDANT WHO HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN SOURCE OF STORY BUT IS INVESTIGATING. STORY BROUGHT DEATH TO ATTENTION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO INFORMED EMBASSY AUGUST 15 THAT A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION AND REPORT WILL BE MADE, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE PASSED TO THE EMBASSY. THEY PROMISED TO KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. COOPERATION OF SUDANESE OFFICIALS INVOLVED WIIP CASE HAS BEEN EXCELLENT. CONSULAR OFFICER GOT IMPRESSION THAT SUDANESE WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE THIS CASE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND DO NOT WISH ANY MORE PUBLIC REPLAY OF STORY. WILL FORWARD ANY ADDITIONAL PRESS ARTICLES ON CASE. EMBASSY LIMITING COMMENTS TO PRESS STATING WE HANDLING ONLY ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND ALL OTHER ASPECTS ARE LOCAL POLICE MATTER. BOGOSIAN

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